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OFFICE OF DISSEMINATION

Dissemination Study No. 2 A

SUBJECT: Publications Review

19 August 1946

1. Pursuant to paragraph 2 b of Dissemination Study No. 2, the Surveys and Reports Branch discussed the Publications Review problem with this office, and on 16 August submitted an informal written outline of findings and recommendations. These show in substance that:

a. The Publications Review Subcommittee, established by JIC action in January 1944, now functions as a part-time agency to meet only when matters are referred to it by the JIC. Under JIC authority, it performs a limited function of reviewing certain intelligence publications of MID, DNI, and A-2, and making recommendations with a view to eliminating unnecessary duplications of publishing and distributing effort.

b. The function it performs is a small part of an analogous but broader function which has been planned for the Survey Division of the Survey and Control Branch of the Office of Dissemination. The statement of the intended function is covered in the proposed charter of organization for the Office of Dissemination submitted to the Executive Director on 15 August. It is stated as follows:

"Surveys the interdepartmental dissemination of intelligence by all government agencies, and makes appropriate recommendation to insure adequacy and eliminate duplication."

2. The Office of Dissemination concurs in the findings of the Surveys and Reports Branch as outlined above, and further concludes that:

a. The Survey and Control Branch will not be in position to undertake the proposed function until the Survey Division has reached a strength of at least three officers. It is anticipated that this will not occur earlier than 1 November 1946.

b. Further action on this problem should be temporarily suspended and arrangements made to review it about 15 October. At that time, a study should be submitted to show:

- (1) What formal CIG action should be taken in order to begin CIG exercise of the function.
- (2) What formal CIG notice should be sent to JIC so that the Publications Review Subcommittee may be discontinued and its duties referred to CIG.

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- (3) What inter-office procedures should be established in CIG so that findings of the Survey Division under the proposed function may be translated into CIG action which will eliminate undesirable duplication and assure adequacy of interdepartmental dissemination.

3. Planning Requirement: Pending activation of the Survey and Control Branch, responsibility for maintaining the records of this study is transferred to the Intelligence Control Branch. Upon activation of the Survey and Control Branch, that Branch will become responsible for the study and will take actions as follows:

- a. Review the entire study prior to 15 October 1946.
- b. On or before 15 October, submit a study including drafts of recommended CIG actions. This study will be coordinated informally with the Office of Research and Evaluation and with the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff.

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